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App. No. : 09/658,784
Filed : September 11, 2000
For : LOADLOCK WITH
INTEGRATED PRE-CLEAN
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Art Unit : 1763

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in thirteen (13) pages in the above-identified application.

An extension of time to respond for 3 months is hereby requested.

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three months (\$930 large entity)

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

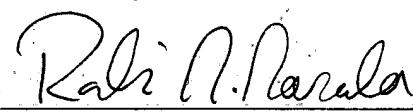
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Total Claims 61 —	74	= 0 ×	\$18	= \$0
Independent Claims 5	9	= 0 ×	\$84	= \$0

If application has been amended to contain multiple dependent claim(s), then add \$280 = \$0

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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE
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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

As a result of this amendment, Claims 2-14, 18-22, 61, 67-85, 87-95 and 103-116 are pending; Claims 23-56 have been previously withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention; Claims 1, 57, 60, 65, 66, 86 and 96-102 have been canceled and Claims 7, 22 and 67 have been amended.

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